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SOUTHERN SOUTHEAST OUTER COAST SECTOR TROLL FISHERY LINGCOD BYCATCH CLOSURE ANNOUNCEMENT

Sitka... The Alaska Department of Fish and Game announced today that retention of lingcod bycatch in the commercial salmon troll fishery will close today in the entire Southern Southeast Outer Coast (SSEOC) Sector at 10:00 a.m., Thursday, August 9, 2012. The 2012 lingcod quota for SSEOC troll fisheries is 3,340 round pounds; 3,250 round pounds have been landed from this area to date.

Fishermen may continue to retain lingcod bycatch in salmon troll fisheries in the East Yakutat (EYKT) Section, Central Southeast Outside (CSEO) Section, Northern Southeast Inside (NSEI) Subdistrict, and Southern Southeast Internal Waters (SSEIW) Sector. The Icy Bay Subdistrict (IBS) closed to commercial lingcod retention in all fisheries on May 23, 2012 and the Northern Southeast Outside (NSEO) Section closed to lingcod bycatch in the troll fishery on July 13, 2012. Lingcod catch will be closely monitored and fishermen should expect additional area closures on short notice. Closure notices will be announced by news release and on the United States Coast Guard "Notice to Mariners" report and the National Weather Service marine broadcast.

Updates of area closures for all lingcod fisheries will be available on the Groundfish Hotline at 907-747-4882. For additional information on groundfish bycatch in the salmon troll fishery, refer to the news release issued on April 23, 2012.

The emergency order corresponding with this announcement is EO 1G1412.

News releases web site: <http://www.adfg.alaska.gov/index.cfm?adfg=cfnews.main>.

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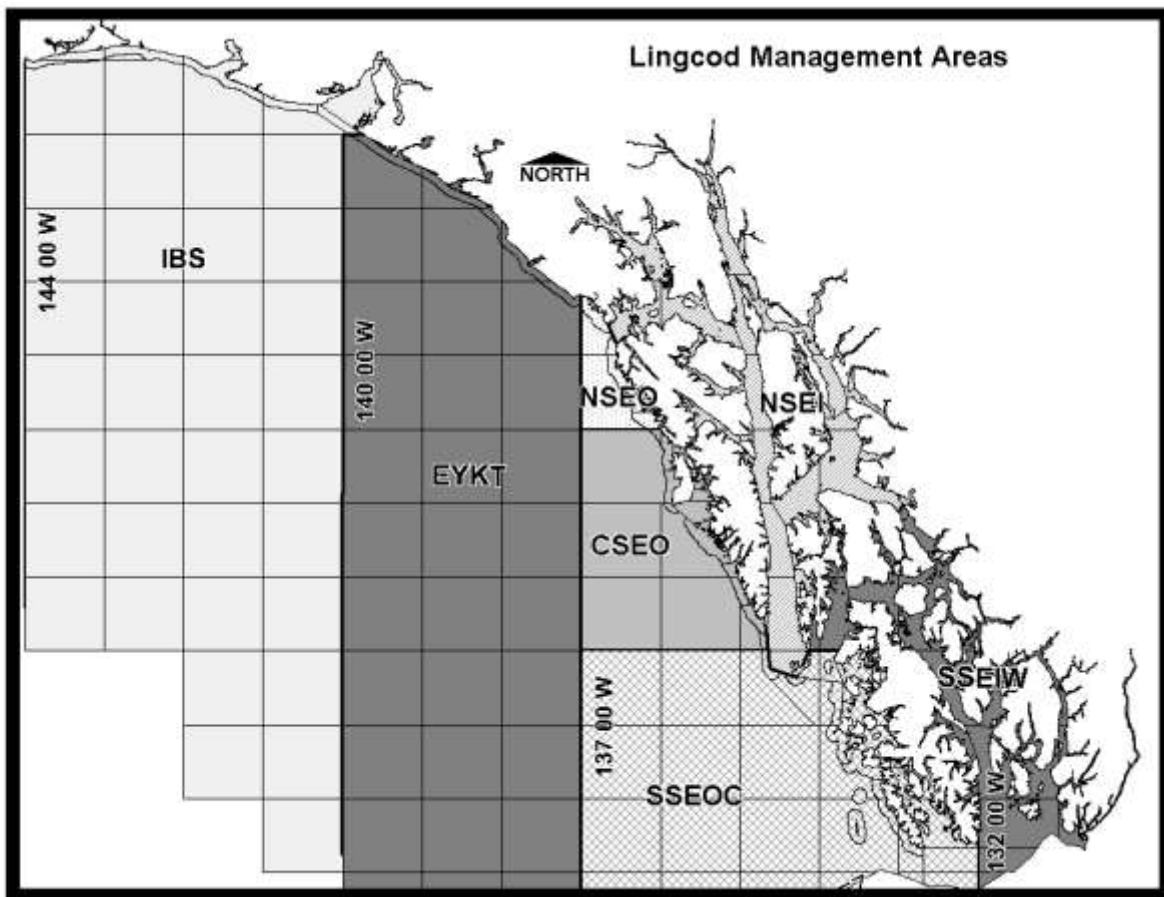


Figure 1. Southeast Alaska Lingcod Management Areas.

This map is for general reference only. For detailed descriptions of Lingcod Management Area boundaries, refer to 5AAC 28.105.